

Save on your energy bill and  
add beauty to your home or  
business by using trees to  
shade your property  
and qualify for a  
**\$50 rebate**  
on your utility bill.

To apply for this program, fill out  
application provided on this brochure,  
detach at perforation, seal sides and  
top flap (moisten sides and seal, moisten  
top flap, fold and seal) and insert original  
sales receipt or paid invoice for trees  
purchased indicating date of purchase,  
size species, dealer name and address.  
Qualifying trees must be purchased  
after program start date.

PROGRAM STARTS  
**October 1, 2010**  
APPLICATIONS DUE BY  
**April 1, 2011**

ATTN: ENVIRONMENTAL MAIL DROP 100406  
**CPS ENERGY**  
PO BOX 1771  
SAN ANTONIO TX 78296-1771

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#### CONTACTS FOR TREE REBATE PROGRAM

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#### FOR TREE PLANTING ADVICE

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**  
Michael Nentwich, *City Forester*  
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**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**  
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#### FOR MULCH

**311**  
City Brush site located at 1800 Old Bitters Rd.  
Solid Waste Mgmt

#### OTHER CONTACTS

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(210) 467-6575  
**GARDENING VOLUNTEERS OF SOUTH TEXAS**  
(210) 522-9220

#### TWO-YEAR TREE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

In exchange for my tree rebate, I agree to care for the  
tree(s) for two (2) years according to the following  
guidelines.

##### PLANTING

Call 811 One-Call and SAWS 233-2010 for utility locator  
service before creating site plan.

Once utility lines are marked, identify tree-planting  
locations 10-30 ft from building on the west, south, and/  
or east sides.

Dig a hole at least two (2) times the diameter of the root  
collar, preferably wider.

Always keep the top of the root-ball level with  
surrounding grade. Never put soil on top of the root-ball –  
only around it.

Water the root ball and backfill completely. Apply another  
7 – 9 gallons of water over the entire planting zone.

Remove all nursery ties, flagging, wire, rope, and tags.

##### WATERING

Ample soil moisture must be maintained throughout the  
two-year maintenance period. Need for watering can be  
determined by feeling the soil under the mulch at 3 – 6”  
depth for moisture. (Check twice per week for adequate  
soil moisture).

In the absence of effective rain, water 2 gallons twice a  
week for first 3 months, then once a week from March  
through October with 3 gallons for the next two (2) years  
OR fill a 15 gallon Tree Gatorbag Jr.® once a week for 3  
months and once a month from March through October  
for the next two (2) years.

##### MULCH

Mulch must be renewed once a year at 2” depth and at  
a radius of 24 – 36” from, but not touching, the trunk of  
each tree for the two-year maintenance period. Proper  
mulching helps retain water, moderates soil temperature,  
and can reduce the need for weed control.

Inexpensive mulch is available from the City’s brush site,  
located at 1800 Old Bitters Road. For more information on  
this resource, dial 311 to contact the Solid Waste Division  
of the Public Works Department.

##### TREE WELLS

Tree wells must be kept free of weeds for the two-  
year maintenance period. This weed-free zone can be  
accomplished by pulling weeds on a monthly basis. Do  
not use string trimmers within the mulched area around a  
tree. String trimmers will damage and may kill the tree.

##### FERTILIZE

Fertilize with a slow release fertilizer annually, preferably  
in the fall.

PLANT A TREE.  
SAVE ENERGY.  
SAVE MONEY.




GREEN SHADE


Not only are trees aesthetically pleasing,  
increase property value, provide cooling  
shade to your home’s interior and exterior,  
they also remove pollutants from the air,  
reduce stormwater runoff and improve the  
environment for a sustainable future.



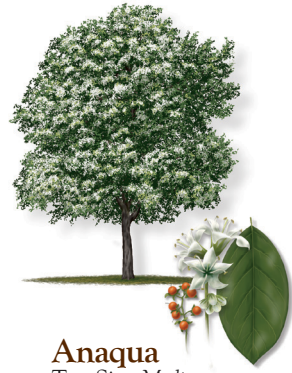
TREES TO CHOOSE FROM



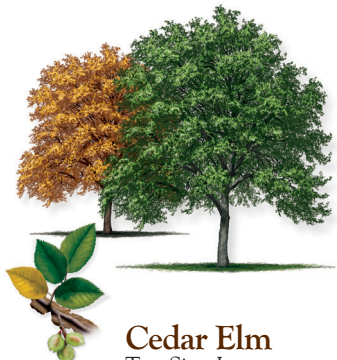
**Lacey Oak**  
Tree Size: Medium  
Leaf Type: Deciduous  
Growth Rate: Slow  
Water Needs: Dry




**Mesquite**  
Tree Size: Medium  
Leaf Type: Deciduous  
Growth Rate: Moderate  
Water Needs: Dry




**Anaqua**  
Tree Size: Medium  
Leaf Type: Evergreen  
Growth Rate: Slow  
Water Needs: Dry




**Cedar Elm**  
Tree Size: Large  
Leaf Type: Deciduous  
Growth Rate: Moderate  
Water Needs: Moderate




**Texas Red Oak**  
Tree Size: Medium  
Leaf Type: Deciduous  
Growth Rate: Moderate  
Water Needs: Dry




**Chinquapin Oak**  
Tree Size: Medium  
Leaf Type: Deciduous  
Growth Rate: Moderate  
Water Needs: Moderate




**Live Oak**  
Tree Size: Large  
Leaf Type: Evergreen  
Growth Rate: Moderate  
Water Needs: Moderate




**Mexican White Oak**  
Tree Size: Medium  
Leaf Type: Semi-Evergreen  
Growth Rate: Rapid  
Water Needs: Moderate




**Pecan**  
Tree Size: Large  
Leaf Type: Deciduous  
Growth Rate: Moderate  
Water Needs: Moderate



**Bur Oak**  
Tree Size: Large  
Leaf Type: Deciduous  
Growth Rate: Rapid  
Water Needs: Moderate



**Montezuma Cypress**  
Tree Size: Large  
Leaf Type: Deciduous  
Growth Rate: Rapid  
Water Needs: Moderate



**Mexican Sycamore**  
Tree Size: Large  
Leaf Type: Deciduous  
Growth Rate: Rapid  
Water Needs: Moderate

SITE STANDARD GUIDELINES

Follow these guidelines to achieve maximum energy savings and proper tree distance and spacing when designing your site plan.

**LOCATION**

- Locate trees for maximum energy savings. Trees must be planted within 10-30 feet of an air-conditioned building, on the west, south, and/or east sides.
- Locate trees for minimum interference with other structures (i.e. driveways, air conditioning units, utility lines, etc.).
- Locate trees to ensure clear lines of sight for traffic.
- Do not locate tree within utility easements, trees must be planted 25 ft away from overhead utility lines.

**DISTANCE & SPACING**


DISTANCE FROM	MINIMUM FEET
CABLE, WATER, SEWER LINES	2'
UTILITIES – Gas/Electric UNDERGROUND	5'
OVER-HEAD LINES & POWER POLES	25' (SHADE TREES)
HYDRANT AND LIGHT POSTS	10'
CURB	3'
INTERSECTION (CORNERS)	30'
DRIVEWAYS	15'
BUILDING	10'
BETWEEN TREES	15'

Tree species have been selected for their drought-resistant qualities.

Select large species if you have room and no overhead electric utility lines

Locate trees to ensure clear lines of sight for traffic.

Select diversity to minimize possible pest & disease problems



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TREE REBATE FOR ENERGY SAVINGS APPLICATION

**REBATE TERMS**

1. Must be a CPS Energy customer to receive rebate in the form of credit on utility bill.
2. Purchase an eligible tree during October 1, 2010 through April 1, 2011.
3. Tree must be size #5 container or larger and from approved species list.
4. Plant tree within 10-30 ft of air-conditioned building on the west, south, and east sides only (indicate tree location on planting site plan). Trees planted on the north do not qualify.
5. LIMIT THREE (3) TREE REBATES FOR A MAXIMUM OF \$150 PER CUSTOMER ADDRESS.
6. Read and follow the required two-year maintenance agreement.
7. Complete and sign this application, and SUBMIT WITH COPY OR ORIGINAL RECEIPT FROM TREE PURCHASE.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY USING BLACK OR BLUE INK.

CHECK ONE BOX:

☐ RESIDENTIAL/HOA

☐ SCHOOL

☐ BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL

NAME OF REBATE RECIPIENT

CPS ENERGY ACCOUNT #

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above)

ZIP

ADDRESS (where trees will be planted)

NOTE: If you are renting, property owner's signature is required.

ZIP

EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

By signing this application, I understand the program provides a \$50 rebate\*, given in the form of a credit on my utility bill and in order to qualify:

- I must purchase an eligible tree AND plant it WITHIN 10-30 ft of my building on the west, south, or east sides.
- I understand that in order to qualify a program representative may perform a visual inspection of site plan and I agree to be contacted in the future to track survivability.
- I understand that CPS Energy is not responsible for any personal or property damage incurred by participation in this program and that CPS Energy does not ensure survival of the tree.
- I agree to follow the required two-year maintenance agreement for the trees planted.
- I understand that CPS Energy reserves the right to deny any rebate request if the application does not conform to the program qualifications, procedures, and specifications, with no exceptions. Funding for this program is limited and provided in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the US Department of Energy and will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PROPERTY OWNER'S SIGNATURE (if different from applicant)

DATE

Your site plan should be as accurate and as close to scale as possible paying close attention to details such as house orientation and location of air conditioning units. You **MUST** call 811 One-Call and SAWS 233-2010 at least three business days prior to preparing tree planting site plan and planting your trees.

- ✓ You **MUST** plant tree within 10-30 feet of air-conditioned building(s).
- ✓ On the west, south, and east sides of the building only. Trees planted to the north do not qualify.

In the box to the right, provide an accurate sketch of the proposed planting site. Please indicate the location of your trees using the number that corresponds with the species above. Write "FRONT" to indicate the front of your house/building (use additional pages if needed and enclose).

Use this site plan as an example when identifying locations of tree plantings.

